

CALENDAR 2005

SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

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Year in Review

Overview of Operations

The Southern Command handled 13,065 crashes throughout calendar year 2005. There were 88 fatal, 3,115 injury, and 9,862 property damage crashes. These numbers reflect a 2.5% increase in total crashes over 2004. The 88 fatal crashes resulted in 97 fatalities which is a 14.9% decrease over 2004. Of the total crashes, 558 or 4.3%, involved impaired drivers. Forty of the 88 persons killed, or 45%, were not restrained at the time of the crash. There were 742 total crashes involving commercial vehicles. This number reflects a 27.1% increase as compared to 2004. There was a 142.9% increase in fatal crashes involving commercial vehicles. There was a 2.3% drop in overall enforcement; however, there was a 7.8% increase in other arrests as well as a 1.7% increase in speeding citations. Southern Command personnel arrested a total of 2,328 drivers for DUI as compared to 2,390 in 2004. Commercial personnel recorded increases in several areas, hazardous moving violations, terminal inspections, and dyed fuel citations. The Communications Center saw increases in almost all areas. Interdiction and Criminal Enforcement (I.C.E.) seized nearly 3.4 million in U.S. currency in 2005, as well as 400 pounds of cocaine and 75 pounds of methamphetamine.

Critical Issues

The Southern Command received a substantial number of new Troopers to fill vacant positions during calendar year 2005. The Command received 38 sworn personnel, 28 of which were untrained cadets, 26 sworn personnel left out of the Command. There was an average of 6.75 Trooper vacancies and 28 new Troopers in training throughout 2005. During 2005 the Command continued to utilize the NSRS-NDOT 800Mhz system. There were several major failures and numerous problems with the system, not the least of which was a continuing lack of adequate or in some cases any coverage in several critical areas. The Command continued to be tasked with Homeland Security initiatives that required redirection of Commercial and I.C.E. operations personnel for specific holidays, anniversaries, and major events throughout the year. The Command Staff worked through the highly intense completion of the new Highway Patrol Southern Command facility. The new facility was finally substantially completed and ready for occupancy on Friday, May 27, 2005. The Command moved out of the Sahara Office on Saturday, May 28th and opened for business, in the new facility, on Wednesday, June 1, 2005.

Major Operations

The Southern Command was tasked with and completed a number of major operations. Many of these operations could not have been completed successfully without multi-agency and interdivisional assistance and cooperation. Major operations included the hurricane Katrina deployment, which included 13 Southern Command personnel, a motor home, and hazmat truck, for three weeks, the Laughlin River Run, NASCAR, USAF Aviation Nation, Commercial Interdiction Initiative, and New Year's Eve.

On behalf of the entire Southern Command Staff I thank and commend the Southern Command employees, both sworn and civilian for their efforts, dedication and professionalism throughout the year.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

CALENDAR YEAR	^2005	^2004	% Change	^2003	% Change
Total crashes	13,065	12,747	2.5 %	11,887	9.9 %
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	9,862	9,223	6.9 %	8,308	18.7 %
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3,115	3,423	-9.0 %	3,502	-11.1 %
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	88	101	-12.9 %	77	14.3 %
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	558	598	-6.7 %	502	11.2 %
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	97	114	-14.9 %	87	11.5 %
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	31	32	-3.1 %	24	29.2 %
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	9	15	-40.0 %	16	-43.8 %
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	26	30	-13.3 %	24	8.3 %
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	15	9	66.7 %	7	114.3 %
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	16	28	-42.9 %	15	6.7 %
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	742	584	27.1 %	704	5.4 %
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	556	440	26.4 %	554	0.4 %
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	169	137	23.4 %	141	19.9 %
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	17	7	142.9 %	9	88.9 %

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.7 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.3 %
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 49.4 %
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 5.7 %
- ✱ Total crashes up 2.5 % compared to last year and up 9.9 % compared to 2003.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes up 27.1 % from last year.
- ✱ Injury crashes dropped 9.0 % from last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	2005		2004	% Change		2003	% Change
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS							
DUI arrests from crashes ##	558		598	-6.7 %		502	11.2 %
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	1,770		1,792	-1.2 %		1,507	17.5 %
Other arrests	10,346		9,597	7.8 %		9,969	3.8 %
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	4,647		4,394	5.8 %		4,081	13.9 %
Speed violations	30,756		30,235	1.7 %		37,997	-19.1 %
Hazardous moving violations	22,651		22,634	0.1 %		24,531	-7.7 %
Occupant restraint violations * ##	5,823		6,369	-8.6 %		7,762	-25.0 %
Total violations [above violations included]	102,973		105,405	-2.3 %		117,678	-12.5 %
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	720		656	9.8 %		613	17.5 %
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	1,315		1,822	-27.8 %		2,610	-49.6 %
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	7,572		7,789	-2.8 %		7,293	3.8 %
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	46		24	91.7 %		359	-87.2 %
Total safety violations -- citation	2,164		2,789	-22.4 %		3,825	-43.4 %
Total safety violations -- repair order	14,351		18,864	-23.9 %		29,267	-51.0 %
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	761		1,967	-61.3 %		1,545	-50.7 %
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	799		860	-7.1 %		914	-12.6 %
Total school buses inspected	2,353		2,523	-6.7 %		2,479	-5.1 %
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	384		295	30.2 %		383	0.3 %
Total trucks weighed	4,467		4,983	-10.4 %		3,356	33.1 %
Total overweight citations	317		380	-16.6 %		439	-27.8 %
Total dyed fuel inspections	7,324		7,156	2.3 %		7,265	0.8 %
Total dyed fuel citations	27		4	575.0 %		11	145.5 %

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]**	2005	
Level 2/3 Inspections	585	
Safety Violations Citation	320	
Safety Violations Repair Order	1,136	
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	81	
Dyed Fuel Inspections	18	
Dyed Fuel Citations	8	

** New Program this year

OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- ★ Average BAC 0.15 %
- ★ Average age of DUI arrests: 32 years
- ★ 7 % of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ★ 6 % of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.
- ★ Traffic Enforcement is down 2.3 % from last year and down 12.5 % from 2003.
- ★ Commercial Operations, hazardous moving enforcement up 9.8 % from 2004.
- ★ Commercial vehicle inspections are down 2.8 % from last year and 3.8 % from 2003.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	2005		2004	% Change		2003	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions & Receptions	3,451,073*		1,847,812*	86.8 %		1,841,691	87.4 %
CAD Incidents	274,542		254,663	7.8 %		253,543	16.2 %
Telephone Calls	433,975		430,206	0.9 %		428,292	7.1 %
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	1,446		1,554	-6.9 %		N/A	N/A
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	13,065		12,864	1.6 %		12,159	7.5 %
Arrest Reports Processed	4,958		5,457	-9.1 %		4,322	14.7 %
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	237		406	-41.6 %		479	-50.5 %
Vehicle Impound Releases	1,656		1,831	-9.6 %		1,754	-5.6 %
Visitors at Counter	9,613		9,704	-0.9 %		9,807	-2.0 %
Crash Reports Mailed Out	83,156		77,557	7.2 %		62,466	33.1 %
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	4,529		4,925	-8.0 %		4,330	-4.6 %
Warrants Entered	3,672		4,255	-13.7 %		5,297	-30.7 %
Warrants Cleared	2,696		20,515	-86.9 %		2,780	-3.0 %
Warrants Validated	17,561		2,752	-36.7 %		44,017	-60.1 %
Extradition / Transports	152		165	-7.9 %		160	-5.0 %
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	1,385		1,390	-0.4 %		1,381	0.3 %
New Items Submitted	2,495		2,465	1.2 %		2,453	1.7 %
Items Disposed	2,790		2,027	37.6 %		1,632	71.0%

**Radio TX transmissions from "transmissions" to "transmissions and receptions" for reporting purposes.

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CONTRACT SERVICES

- 132 Contracts requiring 5,276.45 work hours, billing \$350,872.47

EVIDENCE

- Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 92.0 % of case submissions.
- Parole and Probation responsible for 6.1 % of case submissions.
- Division of Investigation responsible for 1.4 % of case submissions.
- Fire Marshall responsible for 0.5 % of case submissions.
- Capitol Police responsible for 0.0 % of case submissions.

AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

- 51 Enforcement missions, 1,982 violations, 10.3 violations per hour
- 43 Prisoner Transports
- Engine Overhaul
- 534.8 Total hours of Operation

COMMENDATIONS

- 57 from the public to sworn
- 194 from the command to sworn
- 4 from the public to civilians
- 8 from Allied Agencies
- 28 from command to civilian
- 112 from Division or Department
- 60 from other Public organizations

Interdiction & Criminal Enforcement

ICE Team Annual recap	2005	2004
U.S. Currency Seized	\$3,368,191.00	\$1,378,664.05
Cocaine	390.77 LBS	46.30 LBS
Methamphetamines	75.12 LBS	61.49 LBS
Marijuana	1,616.54 LBS	1,914.16 LBS
Felony Drug Arrests	168	106
Other Arrests	143	87

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	Website E-Mail Traffic	Events
132	503	3,404	103

Leadership is solving problems. The day soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help or concluded you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership.

[Colin Powell](#)



The new Nevada Highway Patrol Southern Command Facility opened June 1, 2005



The new Mobile Command Center was received during 2005.



Major operations in 2005 involving Southern Command personnel included deployment to the gulf coast in response to Hurricane Katrina.